

Yankees 7-20 Pennant Favorites; Reds and Cards 11-5 in National

Doyle's Odds Against American League Champions Lowest in History—Red Sox Rated Next—Dodgers Highly Regarded

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The New York Yankees are overwhelming favorites to capture the American League pennant for the fifth straight year, while the defending Cincinnati Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals are rated on even terms in the National League, according to the annual pre-season baseball odds issued yesterday by Jack Doyle, veteran New York betting commissioner.

In Doyle's table of betting prices the Yankees are quoted at 7-20 to finish first. This is the shortest price he has ever listed for any team in more than thirty years of quoting pennant odds. The high repute in which the American League champions are held is further reflected in the fact that Doyle lists no odds at all against their chances of finishing second or third. They were 2-5, out and out last year.

Behind the Yankees are the Boston Red Sox, at 9-2; the Cleveland Indians, at 8-1; the Detroit Tigers, at 10-1, and the Chicago White Sox, at 15-1. Quotations of 30-1 against the Washington Senators, 50-1 against the Philadelphia Athletics and 100-1 against the St. Louis Browns virtually eliminate those teams from serious consideration.

In holding Cincinnati and St. Louis even at 11-5 to win, 7-10 to finish second and 1-4 to take third in the National League, Doyle is breaking another of his own customs, for in the past he always was able to establish some one team as a definite favorite, however slim the margin of favoritism may have been.

However, after carefully considering both teams on the basis of apparent playing strength, and sounding out public sentiment,

The Complete Odds

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	1st	2d	3d
New York	7-20	Out	Out
Boston	9-2	7-10	1-5
Cleveland	8-1	2-1	7-10
Detroit	10-1	3-1	Even
Chicago	15-1	5-1	2-1
Washington	30-1	10-1	3-1
Philadelphia ...	50-1	15-1	6-1
St. Louis	100-1	40-1	20-1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	1st	2d	3d
Cincinnati	11-5	7-10	1-4
St. Louis	11-5	7-10	1-4
Brooklyn	5-1	8-5	7-10
Chicago	5-1	8-5	7-10
New York	7-1	5-2	6-5
Pittsburgh	10-1	4-1	2-1
Boston	50-1	20-1	8-1
Philadelphia ...	100-1	40-1	20-1

Doyle reached the conclusion that the Reds and the Cards were inseparable as a betting proposition.

The National League tradition of a close race is further upheld by Doyle's price table, which goes on to fix the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Chicago Cubs as joint third choices at 5-1, the New York Giants at 7-1 and the Pittsburgh Pirates at 10-1. Only the Boston Bees, at 50-1, and the Philadelphia Phillies, at 100-1, are figured out of the running.

Working across the board with Brooklyn, one finds the Dodgers quoted at 8-5 to finish second and 7-10 to repeat their third-place performance of 1939. Giant bettors can get odds right down the line, for the New Yorkers are quoted at 5-2 for second and 6-5 for third.